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Phelan Memorial Library Celebrates First Anniversary

PHELAN . Refreshments, crafts, entertainment, and other activities will highlight a celebration of the first anniversary of the Phelan Memorial Library's new home on Saturday from 1 to 4 p.m.

Now that the branch has been open for a year, we can see how necessary it was to have a dedicated, full-service library for this community, said First District Supervisor Brad Mitzelfelt, who made construction of the library a priority. It's apparent that area residents truly appreciate their new library.

Since its opening, the Phelan branch has exceeded expectations in terms of patron visits and books and other materials being checked out. Since opening in August of 2009, the library has increased book circulation by more than 208% and the patron count has increased more than 112%, based on 2008-2009 data at the previous shared-use facility at Serrano High School.

It's been very gratifying to see how much the community has shown its support for this library, said County Librarian Ed Kieczkowski. The citizens of Phelan have demonstrated their commitment to the branch with a very high level of patronage and support. The Friends of the Phelan Memorial Library have been one of our system's most active groups, and they have raised significant funds to help the library add books and other materials to the collection.

The celebration will start with a salute to the Flag by the local Veterans color guard, followed by a welcome from Phelan Memorial Branch Manager Lisa Marie Garcia. Speakers will include Mitzelfelt and Kieczkowski.

Birthday cookies and lemonade will be served and the first 100 children to attend will receive a special birthday book. The celebration will include special crafts, activities, music and entertainment, and a treasure hunt for the youngsters.

The one-year celebration has been made possible by a generous donation from the Friends of the Phelan Memorial Library. The branch is located at 9898 Clovis Road, across from the post office.

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